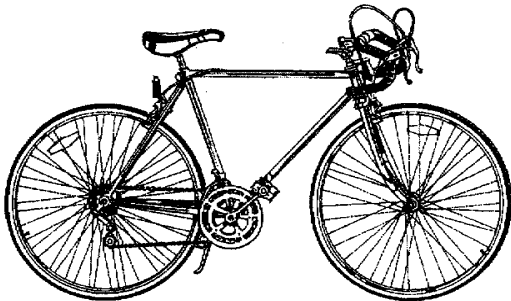




Bicycling in
Saguaro National Park



Enjoy the Park

Saguaro National Park offers visitors the chance to view native plants and animals while surrounded by the spectacular scenery of the Sonoran Desert. A popular way to enjoy the park is to bike around one of our scenic loop drives.

The Cactus Forest Loop Drive in the Rincon Mountain District (east) is an 8-mile paved loop. The Bajada Loop Drive in the Tucson Mountain District (west) is a 6-mile gravel loop.

Know Before You Go

Restrooms are available at both visitor centers during daylight hours only. Pit toilets are available at all picnic areas.

Benches, bicycle racks and water fountains can be found adjacent to both visitor centers.

Carry plenty of water while biking, especially during the summer. Drinking water is NOT available on the Cactus Forest Drive, Bajada Loop Drive or at any picnic area.

Carry personal identification while biking. Also have the name, address and phone number of someone to contact in the event of an emergency.

Helmets are required for all riders or passengers under eighteen (18) years of age per Pima County Statute. Helmets, gloves and glasses are recommended for all riders.

Bicycles are not permitted in the cactus garden and please be courteous to pedestrians, they always have the right of way on patios.

Bicycles must obey all traffic signs, including speed limits and stop signs.

If you see an accident, or are involved in one, report the incident to a park ranger as soon as possible. Both visitor centers are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. The phone number at the Rincon Mountain District (east) is (520) 733-5153. The phone number at the Tucson Mountain District (west) is (520) 733-5158. In any emergency call 911 first!

Always maintain a safe speed for road conditions and your own riding experience, or the least experienced rider in your group.

Bicycles are allowed in the park after dark, however a rear reflector and headlight are required.

For frequent riders, annual passes are available at either visitor center or the entrance station. These passes allow unlimited entry into the park, and are valid for one year.

Bajada Loop Drive

The Bajada Loop Drive is a scenic route through the lower elevations of the Tucson Mountain District (west) of the park. It is 6 miles in length and is gravel, except for a small section along Kinney and Sandario Roads. These roads are open to all vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles.

The Bajada Loop Drive is gravel throughout most of its length. Maintain a safe speed for road conditions and your own riding experience, or the least experienced rider in your group.

Slow down in congested areas around trailheads and picnic areas. When passing others, alert them to your intentions by saying “passing on your left” or “passing on your right”.

Cactus Forest Drive

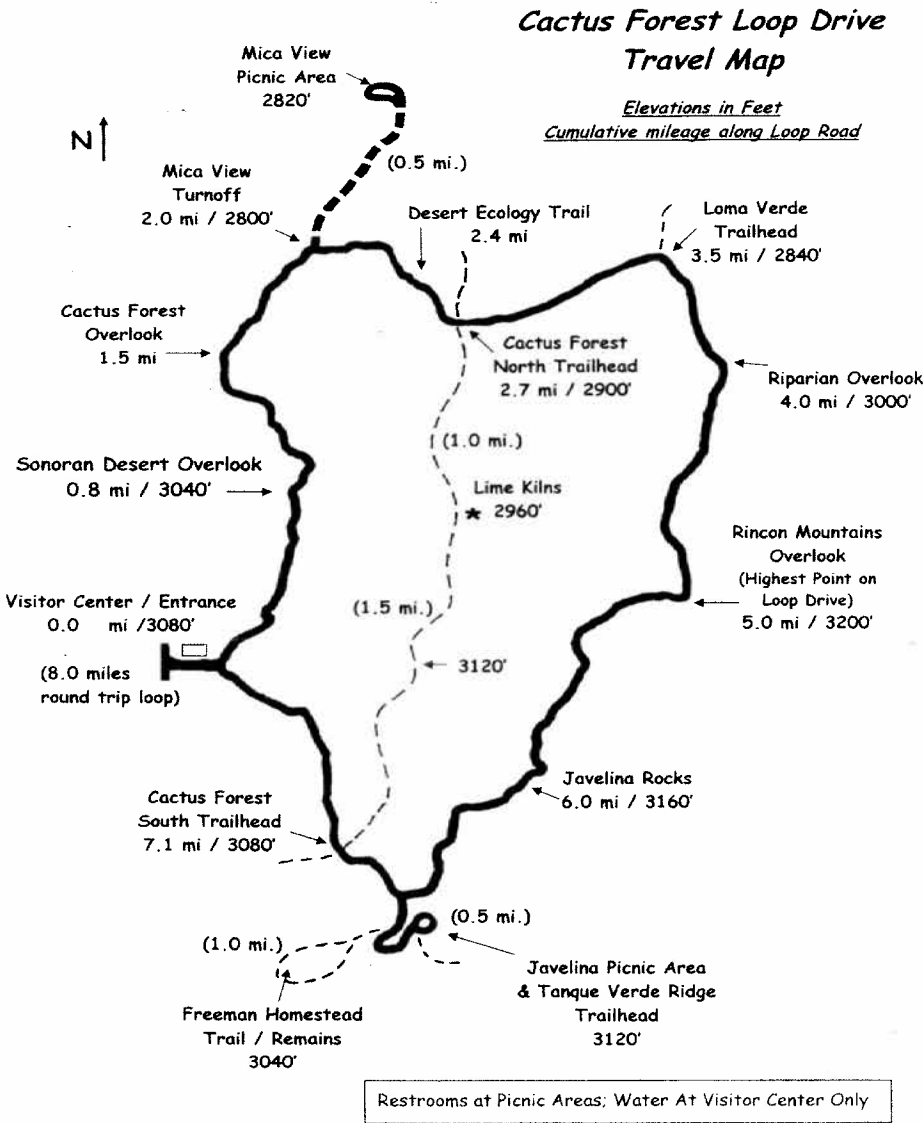
The Cactus Forest Loop Drive is a scenic route through the lower elevations of the Rincon Mountain District (east) of the park. It is 8 miles in length and is paved, except for the spur road to Mica View Picnic Area. This road is open to all vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles.

The Cactus Forest Loop Drive is narrow with many tight turns and steep hills. Maintain a safe speed for road conditions and your own riding experience, or the least experienced rider in your group. Slow down before curves and hills.

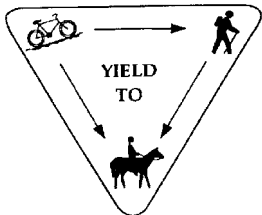
Use extra caution on the steep hill at the beginning of the one-way road as there is a sharp right turn at the bottom.

Slow down in congested areas around the visitor center, trailheads and picnic areas. When passing others, alert them to your intentions by saying “passing on your left” or “passing on your right”.

Riding two abreast is not permitted within Saguaro National Park. Use bike lanes where provided on steeper portions of this road.



Mountain Bike Trails



Rules of the Trail

Mountain bikes are allowed on a 2.5 mile section of the Cactus Forest Trail, located within the Cactus Forest Loop Drive at the Rincon Mountain District (east). The trail may be ridden in either direction, but you may not ride against traffic on the one-way section of the Cactus Forest Loop Drive. This section of the Cactus Forest Trail is open to equestrian and pedestrian traffic. Bicyclists are required to yield to all other trail users. If you encounter horses or pedestrians along the trail, stop your bicycle and move to the uphill side of the trail until all have passed.

Mountain bikes may also use the 2.5 mile Hope Camp Trail, reached at the north end

of Camino Loma Alta. This trail connects to the Arizona Trail going south to Colossal Cave Park for a longer scenic route. (The Arizona Trail north through the Saguaro Wilderness is closed to bicycles.) A map is available at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center.

For current information on Saguaro West’s Belmont Trail, contact the Visitor Center at 520 733-5158.

Bicycles are not permitted in washes or off trail at any time. Help us protect the park by staying on the designated bike trails.